

**Harris County Archives  
Houston, Texas**

***Finding Aid***

**HARRIS COUNTY RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
CR04  
(September 1 – 16, 2005)**

**Size:** 45 items

**Restrictions on Access:** None

**Restrictions on Use:** None

**Acquisition:** Houston Astrodome,  
October 6, 2005.

**Accession Number:** 2005.037

**Processed by:** Sarah Canby Jackson,  
CA, 2005.

**Citation:** [Identification of Item], Harris County Records Management, Harris County Archives, Houston, Texas.

**Agency History :**

Established in 1989 when Harris County hired its first records manager, Paul Scott, the Harris County Records Management Program is a comprehensive system of integrated procedures for the management of records from their creation to their ultimate disposition, consistent with the requirements of the Texas Local Government Records Act. All abandoned and “found” records become the property of the Records Management Program for final disposition. The Harris County Archives is a component of the Records Management Program and was created in November 2002.

**Collection Summary:**

Forty-five message boards created by evacuees from New Orleans in the Houston Astrodome document the search for displaced persons after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the flooding of the city. Formats of the message boards range from neon colored poster boards to torn sheets of corrugated cardboard to sheets of paper taped together to cardboard boxes. These messages were attached to the netting at the end of the Astrodome floor opposite to the East Entrance and were the few remaining after the Astrodome closed as an evacuation center September 16, 2005 as many of the evacuees took their signs with them when they left the Dome for other housing. The forty-five in this collection were removed from the netting by the Harris County archivist on October 6, 2005.

**Series: Ephemera - Katrina**  
**Size: 45 items**  
**Range of Dates: 2005, 09/01 - 09/16**

**Inventory**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Message Boards - Katrina evacuees (20)	2005, 09/01 - 09/16	0016-V-00
Message Boards - Katrina evacuees (19)	2005, 09/01 - 09/16	0017-V-00
Message Boards - Katrina evacuees (6)	2005, 09/01 - 09/16	0018-V-00